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Applicant: Vishnu K. Agarwal

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Art Unit

: 2815

Customer No.

: 27,076

Examiner : Jose R. Diaz

Title

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: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A

CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. []	Submission previously submitted			
	i.	Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed		
	ii.	on Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed		
	iii.	on Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on .		

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	i. Amendment/Replyii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)					
	iii. [X] Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (Supp. IDS)					
	in [1] Supplement Lines					
2. Suspension of Action (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)						
0	Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months.					
3. Accompanying Papers						
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4. Deposit Account						
[X] The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in the above-identified patent application to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.						
Respectfully submitted,						
Vishnu K. Agarwal						
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b. [] Submission enclosed

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